

## 2013 Virginia Green Travel Star Awards Green Travel Leader





## Sandbridge Realty

Sandbridge Realty is a committed Virginia Green partner. We manage over 270 vacation rental properties as well as office over 40 employees. Efforts to reduce the environmental impact of running a business start within our office, and include a few key changes we have made after "Going Green":

- The removal of bottled water coolers, cutting back on the use of plastic and the use of paper
- The use of foam soap in the employee rest rooms and kitchen which reduces the use of water
- Use of low flow toilets which cuts down on the use of water
- Compact Fluorescent spots used throughout our entire building, 16 w = 75 w
- Maintenance trucks are high gas mileage 4 cylinder vehicles
- Emailing rental leases, payment confirmations, property management forms, and owner statements, thus reducing the amount of paper used within our office
- Printer supplies are responsibility discarded, keeping them out of landfills

In our rental homes, we use only fluorescent light bulbs when replacing them in light fixtures. We encourage the use of environmentally friendly cleaning supplies with our housekeeping staff, reducing the use of harsh chemicals. All of our rental homes provide recycle garbage cans to help promote responsible discarding of trash. These cans are picked up twice a week during the summer from each of our properties. Inside our rental properties we post useful tips and procedures to educate the guest about environmentally friendly procedures, like proper grease disposal, over use of water and electricity. Sandbridge Realty also works with local builders in the construction of new rental homes, encouraging them to be Energy Star properties

In addition to what Sandbridge Realty currently does, we have a forward thinking management staff that is always looking for additional ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Plans going forward include partnerships with Companies that only offer environmentally friendly products, which we can buy in bulk and manage onsite.

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